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## ed Aircraft Lands In gency at Prince Rupert

Mexican Plane, Piloted by Author  
and Craftsman William Spratling,  
Drops Down on Seal Cove Tarmac

The first time in twenty-seven years, with the exception of some which may have done so in wartime news blackout, an aircraft landed at Prince Rupert Wednesday afternoon. The aircraft, a biplane which William ("Silver Bill") Spratling, author and craftsman of Taxco, Mexico, brought down in an emergency landing on the 1200-foot tarmac or seaplane apron at the Seal Cove seaplane base. He left at 11:30 this morning for Prince George but came back within an hour to light again at the Cove. He had run into unfavorable weather up the Skeena. Another take-off tomorrow is contemplated.

Spratling said, after his return this afternoon, that he had run into snow and low visibility near Terrace and this had decided him to return. On leaving again tomorrow, he will try the Port Hardy route again.

Spratling is heading south after spending two months in Alaska on a special commission for the United States Department of the Interior. He had left Annette Island near Ketchikan with Port Hardy as his intended destination for the day. Twenty miles past Bonilla Island in Hecate Straits he saw bad weather ahead and diverted course to Sandspit on the Queen Charlottes. He found Sandspit obscured and, the weather still being blustery, decided to make for Prince Rupert where he had

chanced to hear an emergency landing might be attempted. Spratling reached Prince Rupert shortly after 1 o'clock and decided to take the chance. After three tries in "tough air and a bad downdraft," he finally made it. It was a tricky job, he later admitted, conceding that maneuvering with the hand-brake had been largely instrumental in making the landing possible. He came to a stop about 125 feet from the point where the tiny wheels first hit the concrete.

Spratling has been flying for only six months but seems to have acquired considerable skill. A Canadian Pacific Airlines attendant at the base conceded that it was a "neat piece" of aircraft maneuvering. The tarmac is 150 feet wide.

Spratling on leaving this morning, had no difficulty in the take-off. From Port Hardy he intends to proceed via Seattle, Portland and Hollywood to Mexico. He is hurrying home to prepare to entertain Governor Ernest Gruening of Alaska who is to visit with him for three weeks. Governor and Mrs. Gruening were here this morning from Juneau on the steamer Princess Louise enroute south.

The first aircraft to land with wheels in Prince Rupert was in September, 1921, when a barnstorming aviator from Las Vegas, Nevada, Clarence Prest, spent a few weeks here doing stunt flights from an improvised runway on Acropolis Hill where his Curtis biplane was finally destroyed when a gale blew it into a rockpile.

**TINY PLANE**  
Spratling's airplane is equipped with a 75-h.p. Continental motor which gives it a cruising speed of about 110 miles per hour. It is a two-seater but Spratling is flying solo, having extra space filled with luggage.

Spratling has been in Alaska about two months, six weeks having been spent at Juneau. Prior to that he had made a swing in his plane around northern and western Alaska including calls at Fairbanks, Nome and Kotzebue. His commission for the Department of the Interior is to plan and organize a program of crafts education for Indians and Eskimos of the territory. Selected natives, ex-service men, will be taken to Mexico where they will be trained as instructors in gold, silver and jade crafts, then returning to Alaska where workshop centres will be set up.

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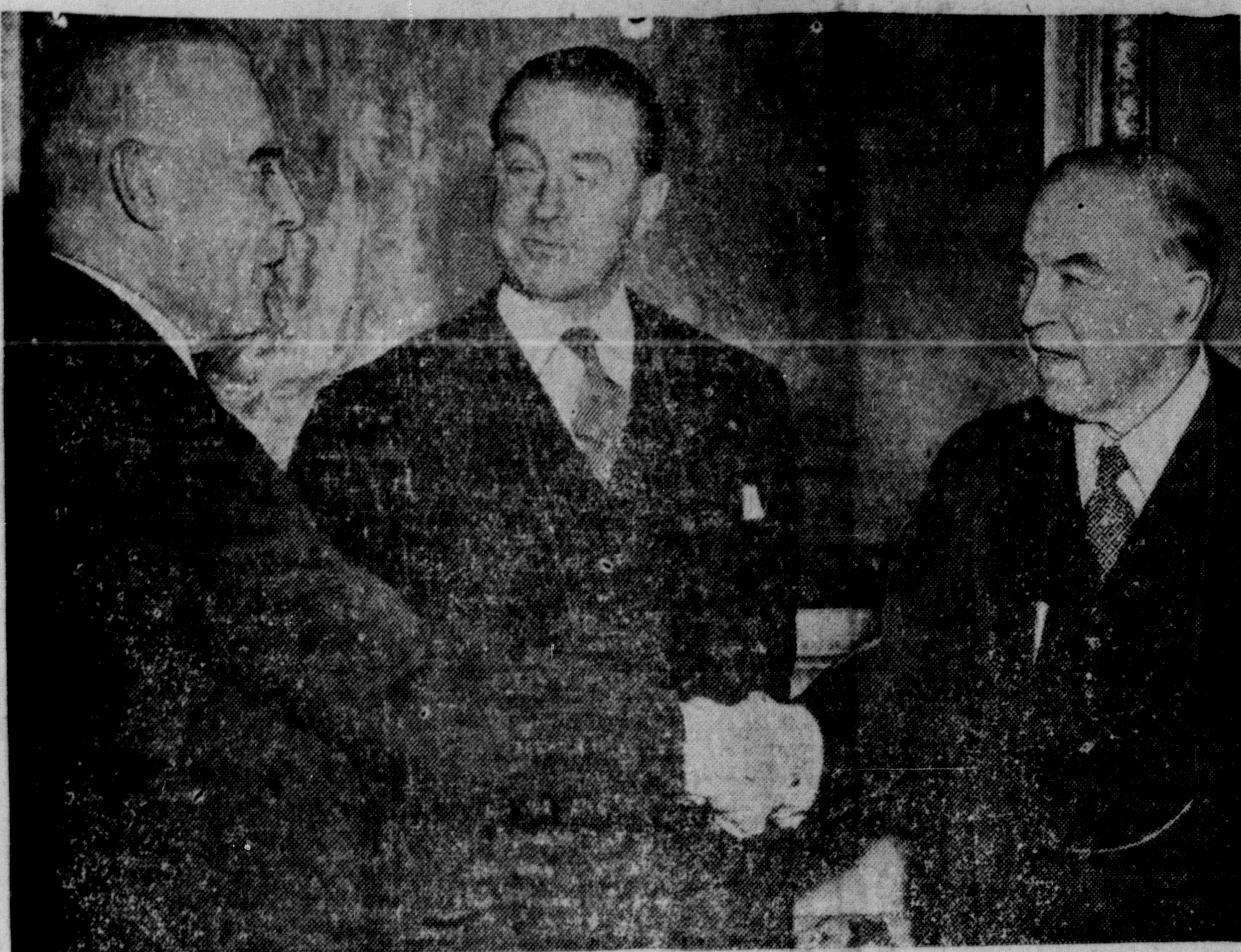
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## Alaska Looking To Prince Rupert



HISTORIC MOMENT—Canada's new prime minister, Rt. Hon. Louis St. Laurent, left, shakes hands with retiring Prime Minister Mackenzie King at Government House. Viscount Alexander, centre, accepted the resignation of Mr. King and then heard Mr. St. Laurent take a solemn oath as the first French-speaking prime minister since Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

## More Ships Needed

Canadian Naval Officer  
Speaks of Situation in Light  
of International Affairs

BOSTON.—The Royal Canadian Navy will be expanded "because of the international situation," Rear Admiral E. R. Mainguy, flag officer of the Canadian Atlantic fleet, said here.

Mainguy said: "As far as I know the shipbuilding program in Canada hasn't begun as yet but a program of expansion will go into effect."

## Bulletins

**FRANCE AROUSED**  
PARIS.—An authoritative source said today that France may invoke the British-French friendship treaty to force a change in British policy on the Ruhr. Britain aroused the French early this month when she made a joint announcement with the United States that the German people would be allowed to decide future ownership of the Ruhr's basic industries and that the Germans would be given immediate limited control of them.

**NATIONALIZATION**  
LONDON.—The House of Commons Wednesday gave approval in principle to the government's bill to nationalize Britain's iron and steel industry. After three days of debate, the government defeated 373 to 211 an opposition motion to reject the bill. The measure was then read for a second time.

**TROUBLE AT DUNKERQUE**  
PARIS.—French soldiers and police converged today on Dunkerque where two thousand and striking dock workers have barricaded themselves behind cargoes. Other dock workers received a call for a strike from the Communist-led Confederation General du Travail.

**WOMAN ATTACKS WOMAN**  
VICTORIA.—Mrs. Mary Attwood, 74-year-old widow, is in critical condition in hospital today suffering injuries received Wednesday in a robbery attack by another woman in a public lavatory. She was struck with a blunt instrument and has several skull fractures and deep scalp gashes. Her purse with \$20 was taken. Her attacker was described as a "tall, blonde" woman. The aged woman had been on a shopping trip and was struck as she emerged from a cubicle.

## THE WEATHER

Synopsis

The southern British Columbia coast is encountering another day of southeast gale winds and rain. Stations at exposed positions are reporting winds of 40 to 50 miles per hour. These winds are expected to shift to westerly and decrease this evening. This storm will move through the interior tonight causing considerable snow. Cloudy conditions will be general over the province tomorrow in the wake of the storm.

Forecast

Queen Charlottes and North Coast, Northern Section—Intermittent rain today. Cloudy with showers tonight and Friday. Winds southerly (25 mph). Little change in temperature. Lows tonight and highs Friday—At Massett and Prince Rupert, 35 and 45. Southern Section—Heavy rain today, cloudy with showers tonight and Friday. Wind southeast (40 mph) today. Light tonight and Friday. Little change in temperature. Lows tonight and highs Friday—At Port Hardy 38 and 45.

PREVENTIVE MEASURE

All cloth from which British Army uniforms are cut is dipped in a solution of DDT.

## CITY CANCER SOCIETY SEEKING ADMINISTRATOR FOR \$100 FUND

The Prince Rupert unit of the British Columbia Cancer Society has a \$100 fund for the benefit of cancer sufferers in this district but, because of public indifference, it is having difficulty to find administrators for the fund.

The money was received recently from the B. C. Division of the Canadian Cancer Society and is to be used for emergency aid to cancer sufferers, primarily to help in covering transportation costs to Vancouver where treatment is available.

However, because of lack of public support, the Prince Rupert unit of the society is on the verge of folding up and might have done so at its annual meeting Wednesday afternoon except for the fact that the six members present felt that it should remain active to administer the fund.

Mayor Nora E. Arnold, who has been president of the unit for the last three years, described public response to the organization as "very discouraging" and informed the meeting of the desire of herself, Vice-President Mrs. J. D. Fraser and Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. J. C. Gilker to resign because of pressure of other duties.

An election of new officers was postponed because of a lack of attendance. The current officers agreed to retain their positions until other arrangements can be made, primarily because of the \$100 fund which they felt might be needed.

## AMERICAN TUG IS THOUGHT RESCUED

An American tug, the Monarch, which radioed yesterday that she had lost her rudder off Holliday Island at the northwestern tip of the Dundas group, apparently, was rescued by the Ketchikan Coastguard cutter White Holly. The tug had two "cribs" in tow.

The Monarch radioed that she intended to put into Prince Rupert, but no word of her arrival has been received here.

The Monarch was believed to have been towing two sections of army drydock from Alaska to Seattle when she lost her rudder in a blow.

## HOCKEY SCORES

National  
New York 4, Detroit 4  
Boston 2, Toronto 1  
Chicago 4, Montreal 3.

Miss Joyce Leslie, who has been in Hazelton for the past year where she served for a time as acting matron at the Wrinch Memorial Hospital, has returned to the city to take up the duties of senior nurse in the local branch of the Health Department.

## Demolition Is Deferred

United States Installations  
Here Not to be Offered  
Until January 15

War Assets Corporation, according to advice received at the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce office following recent representations, is apparently, deferring any move towards permitting demolition of United States war-built waterfront installations until January 15.

There will be no advertising until January 15, the Chamber is advised.

Request had been made that the disposal for demolition be deferred until further efforts could be made to ascertain the possibility of retaining the installations for useful purposes.

## Big Victory Is Claimed

Chinese Government Suggests  
Crisis at Suchow May be Over

NANKING.—The nationalist government claimed complete victory in the Suchow battle today. General Chang Lia-Shih said the "battle for Suchow can be considered completed. What the communists do now is subject to conjecture."

A rejuvenation of nationalist air activity was claimed to have turned the tide. Heavy losses had been inflicted on communist forces carelessly left uncovered in the open.

Another report said the great Suchow battle between the government and Red troops was headed for a second phase today. The Reds were reported regrouping northwest of the battlefields as General Chiang Kai-Shek threw reinforcements into the fight.

Meanwhile 1200 United States Marines at Guam prepared to rush to Tsingtao, United States naval base, 200 miles north of Suchow.

In Washington it is said that the United States government may soon issue a proclamation designed to boost the morale of China's anti-communist forces. President Truman and the Department of State have before them a plea from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek for a policy reaffirming support of the nationalist government.

## NEW POINT IN BERLIN CRISIS

PARIS.—Secretary of State George Marshall summoned United States financial and monetary experts today from Washington and Berlin to advise on currency aspects of the Berlin crisis.

This step was disclosed by a United States delegation source and indicated that emphasis in the blockade dispute had shifted to technical aspects of the currency control problems in the former German capital.

Great Britain said yesterday that Russian veto of a solution of the Berlin crisis recently offered by so-called "neutrals" of the security council stood in the path of progress towards a settlement. Canada is a member of the neutral group.

United States said it was ready to talk with Russia when the blockade was lifted. Secretary of State Marshall said that the United States had discussed the matter directly with Russia until it became apparent that the blockade was established to gain political objectives to which Russia is not entitled.

"We, therefore, referred the question to the security council as a threat to peace where it still remains," Marshall said.

## Governor Gruening Sees Important Place of This Port in Common Progress

Discusses Problem of Territory—Will  
See President About Transportation

Use of Canadian shipping and the strategically situated port of Prince Rupert in relieving Alaska's recurrent marine transportation dilemmas still looms large in the ideas of Governor Ernest Gruening of Alaska who was in Prince Rupert this morning aboard the Princess Louise bound for the United States.

Governor Gruening will visit Washington D. C. in about three weeks and expects to see President Truman. Alaska problems will be discussed with the chief executive and one of the principal problems is that of shipping which even now is in a critical phase owing to the tie-up of regular American steamship lines due to the seventy-six day old West Coast longshoremen's strike.

The territory is suffering seriously from these recurrent tie-ups. To eliminate them, Governor Gruening suggests:

- Re-establishment of government subsidies.
- Application of restrictions ensuring reasonable rates.
- Permitting of Canadian competition.
- Government operation of ships to supply the territory.

Commenting on press reports that he had been taken to task at the recent Pacific Northwest Trade Association conference in Portland for advocating competitive steamship lines in Alaska service, Governor Gruening suggested that F. A. Zeussler, Alaska Steamship Co. executive, was, no doubt, speaking as a company employee and solely in the interests of the company.

"The people of Alaska have been suffering untoward effects of monopoly so long that they are thoroughly convinced of the value of competition," declared Governor Gruening. "We also believe that we should be allowed unrestricted use of Canadian vessels."

The Alaska chief executive observed that Senator Homer Capehart of Indiana and Senator Hugh Butler of Nebraska had both introduced bills to lift restrictions with which the territory had to cope at present.

Governor Gruening, in his interview at Prince Rupert, announced for the first time receipt of a new ruling of the Attorney General of the United States whereby government freight could be carried to Alaska in Canadian vessels despite restrictions which prevented ordinary commercial freight being carried thereby. This meant the governor elucidated, that such articles as tractors and bulldozers for the Alaska Road Commission, lumber for military construction purposes, food products for the Army, Navy and Department of Indian Affairs could be moved by Canadian vessels. "It all amounted to a vast amount of tonnage," Mr. Gruening added.

Governor Gruening reiterated off-repeated statements that the Jones Act constituted a "gross discrimination" against Alaska. This discrimination was admitted by the Supreme Court of the United States. Statehood would, of course, mean the automatic discontinuance of the Jones Act.

"We are very hopeful," Governor Gruening said, "that statehood for Alaska will be enacted by the new Congress of the United States, possibly not at the first term next year but, at least within the second year term." The Democratic party, he pointed out, was pledged to statehood for Alaska and the President had expressed himself vigorously in its favor.

"Statehood is an indispensable step toward the development of

## IMMIGRATION IS REAL NEED

For Development of Country,  
Declares Senator Turgeon

VANCOUVER.—Addressing University of British Columbia students here, Senator Gray Turgeon put in a plea for more immigration, describing this as the only thing that will put the west on an equal footing with Ontario and Quebec.

He deplored the millions of tons of coal lying untouched in the north and in the Peace River region simply because the population is not large enough to warrant the development of a railway.

"Immigration," he declared, would give us a domestic market now lacking."

## PACIFIC COAST SALMON PACK

British Columbia coast salmon pack for the season to November 6 totalled 1,302,710 cases, the lowest since the 1944 season for a corresponding period, according to the weekly bulletin issued by the Chief Supervisor of Fisheries, Vancouver.

Pack last year was 1,484,318 cases while in 1946 it was 1,331,832 and in 1945, 1,723,815 cases. By varieties, the pack so far this year has been as follows: sockeye, 260,007; pinks, 321,327; chums, 487,654; coho, 192,018; bluebacks, 19,886; springs, 16,146.

## LOCAL TIDES

Friday, November 19, 1948  
High ..... 2:59 18.9 feet  
14:31 21.6 feet  
Low ..... 8:31 8.4 feet  
21:20 2.8 feet

Mrs. Thomas Mayoh and children left on Wednesday night's train for Smithers where she will join her husband who was recently appointed sanitary inspector for the district of Smithers.

Alaska and it is important to the whole nation," he asserted.

## INTERESTED IN RUPERT

Governor Gruening made a note of some problems in regard to the movement of canned salmon from Alaska through this port to the United States such as inspection requirements and promised that he would look into this in Washington. He expressed himself definitely as favoring the development of the canned salmon traffic through here.

"I still hope to see a car ferry service inaugurated from Prince Rupert to such Alaska ports as Ketchikan, Juneau and Haines," said the Governor. "It would be essential in connection therewith that the Haines Highway should be kept open and this is one thing that the Canadian governments could do," he suggested. He stated that the highway was now closed for the winter owing to snow conditions on the Canadian portion of the road. The United States government was keeping its part open. This, of course, was only a 42-mile section of the whole 154 miles from Haines to Alaska Highway junction and the easiest part at that.

Following the salmon trap plebiscite in which Alaskans expressed themselves 7 to 1 in

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